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- 1. STORY REPORTED REFTEL (TO EFFECT THAT COMMITTEE FOR AN OPEN SOCIETY HAD PETITIONED SECRETARY WITH RESPECT TO AEROPERU'S OPERATING PERMIT) SPARKED A NUMBER OF EDITORIALS IN THIS MORNING'S PRESS. BOTH "EL COMERCIO" AND GOP-OWNED "LA NUEVA CRONICA" CITED COS PETITION AS CONFIRMATION FROM U.S. SOURCE OF SOUNDNESS OF GOP POSITION ON THIS MATTER. COMMUNIST-LINING "EXPRESO" CARRIED SIGNED ARTICLES ON EDITORIAL PAGE ATTACKING U.S. AND CONTRASTING THE INCLUSION OF CONDITIONS IN OPERATING PERMIT WITH "NEW DIALOGUE" OF TLATELOLCO.
- 2. ALL MORNING PRESS WITH EXCEPTION "EXPRESO" ALSO CARRIED EMBASSY STATEMENT, TEXT OF WHICH AS IT APPEARED ON FRONT PAGE OF "LA PRENSA" IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE LA EMBAJADA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EN LIMA HA EXPRESADO SU CONFIANZA DE QUE AEROPERU RECIBIRA EL PERMISO CORRESPONDIENTE Y SE LE DARA LA AUTORIZACION PARA QUE COMIENCE SUS VUELOS PROGRAMADOS A LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS EL PROXIMO 28 DE JULIO.

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ESTADO COMO LA EMBAJADA DE ESTADOS UNIDOS HA ESTADO TRABAJANDO DI-LIGENTEMENTE HACIA ESTE FIN Y ESTAN OFRECIENDO TODA LA AYUDA NECESA-RIA A AEROPERU PARA RESOLVER EL PROBLEMA.

EL VOCERO DE LA EMBAJADA SENALO QUE BRANIFF, QUE OPERA EN LIMA, TAMBIEN ESTA EN CONTACTO CON LAS AUTORIDADES DE TRANSPORTE DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS BUSCANDO ACCION FAVORABLE PARA LA SOLICITUD DE AEROPERIJ

LAJUNTA DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS HA ACELERADO EL PROCESO DESDE EL DIA EN QUE AEROPERU PRESENTO SU SOLICITUD, PARA AYUDAR A ESTA COMPANIA A LOGRAR A TIEMPO SU VUELO INAUGURAL, SEGUN DIJO EL VOCERO.

MIENTRAS QUE LA EMBAJADA ESPERA QUE EL PERMISO DE OPERACTION SEA OTORGADO SIN RESTRICCIONES, NOTICIAS PERIODISTICAS INFORMAN SOBRE UNA SOLICITUD EFECTUADA POR EL COMITE PARA UNA SOCIEDAD ABIERTA, LA CUAL CONTIENE DATOS INCORRECTOS; SEGUN EL VOCERO, EN PRIMER LUGAR, LA CONDICION SOBRE LAS RUTAS, DE NINGUN MODO IMPIDE LAS OPERACIONES DE AEROPERU, NI LA DE DARLE PUBLICADAD AL SERVICIO DE VUELOS ENTRE MIAMI - A TRAVES DE LIMA - Y OTROS PUNTOS MAS ALLA DE LIMA, TALES COMO BUENOS AIRES, SIN NECESIDAD DE CABIER DE AVION EN LIMA. SEGUNDO, LA CONDICION REFERENTE A LAS TARIFAS, SE APLICARIA SOLO A LA TARIFA INSCRITA INICIALMENTE, Y NO LE IMPEDIRIA A AEROPERU INSCRIBIR LUEGO TARIFAS MAS BAJAS CON LA JUNTA DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL. AMBAS "CONDICIONES" NO ERAN MANDATORIAS, SINO MERAS RECOMENDACIONES PARA CONSIDERACION DE LA JUNTA DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL, SEGUN EL VOCERO. UNQUOTE.

3. BE BELIEVE OUR STATEMENT WAS WELL-TIMED, AND INDEED WELCOME OPPORTUNITY COS INITIATIVE GAVE US TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT WITH-OUT SEEMING DIRECTLY TO ENGAGE IN ARGUMENT WITH GOP OR AEROPERU. GENERAL SOTO OF AEROPERU DID TELEPHONE FAA REPRESENTATIVE IRISH TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF EMBASSY SPOKESMAN AND COMPLAIN OF WHAT HE SAID WERE INACCURACIES. HOWEVER, SOTOAPPEARED ACCEPT IRISH EXPLANATION OF CORRECTNESS OF STATEMENT, AND CALL ENDED WITH PRIMISE BY SOTO TO FOLLOW-UP ON AEROPRU'S APPLICATION FOR OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS. (LIMA 5472). DEAN

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